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Your eyelids are getting heavy. Your thoughts are drifting. You are getting sleepy, sleepy, sleepy, your thoughts are drifting off. You want to sleep, sleep, sleep. Are you being hypnotized? No, you're reading The Mixumaxu Gazette, a triweekly publication of postal Diplomacy and whatnot, ground out by Robert Bryan Linton, who is going off on vacation soon to 56 Green Place, Woodmere, N.Y. 11598(516) 374-4723. Mail will be forwarded from Lafayette.

Subscriptions are available at 5/\$1. Also offered is THE PUBLISHER, a play about various Diplomacy players that was being serialized herein. The price of that is 75¢ until Dec. 21, when it rises to \$1. Thanks to John Boyer for plugging it in a recent

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issue of IMPOSSIBLE. By the way, John, when you sent me the letter you did not include the money for the templates. You didn't, you didn't, you didn't.

Hmm, I skipped a line of print up there. What the Hell, you don't like it, you fix it.

Unless I get something from their producers soon, trade will be cut with EL CONQUISTADOR and ALTERNATE REALITIES. Also, I am assuring Conrad von Metzke's COSTAGUANA is gone. Hmm, circulation might dip as low as the 60's. Not too bad, as it cuts down on my work. Nevertheless, I am always glad to accept your money.

Abyssinia

Rod Walker

GAME OPENINGS

Ho ho ho! You know what time of year it is, don't you? Yes, it's winter solstice, when good will abounds. It is the custom, this time of the year, to exchange presents and smile at one another.

So, to raise money for presents to put under the Chanukah Bush, I am going to put myself in chattel slavery for a year or two by opening new games. I am opening three of the beasties at a price of \$6 @ or two for \$10. Traders are people with complimentary subs get it at half price if they so wish.

When applying for a game, include your name, address, telephone number with area code (since I allow only one person from any telephone code area to play in a game), and a preference list.

If you want to play, don't write and ask me to put you on a list, send the money. Greedy soul I am, a letter without mazuma doesn't seem as eloquent.

House rules appear on page two.

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Scheduled for next issue are, tentatively, some fabulous features: Paper! Ink! Staples! I bet you can hardly wait.

HOUSE RULES FOR THE NEW GAMES

1. These rules act to modify and expand the 1971 rulebook. Unless it says so, that rulebook will be followed.
2. Deadlines for each set of moves will be given with the publication of the previous set of moves. Usually each deadline will be twenty days following publication of the previous moves.
In the event the gamesmaster detects a large number of errors in his adjudications he may either inform the players by postcard or announce a delay in the following issue of the *Minimax* Gazette.
If less than 60% of the sets of moves due in a season are forthcoming by the deadline, the gamesmaster may extend the deadline.
3. If a player's moves are not in the possession of the gamesmaster by the evening before the deadline, the gamesmaster may call that player collect for the moves.
4. Moves will not be accepted unless they are accompanied by the player's signature. Since one cannot sign one's name over the telephone nor through telegraph wires, there will be no signature requirements here.
5. If a player misses a set of moves, all his units will hold. Any dislodged unit will be permitted to retreat if the player sends in retreats the following season.
If a player misses a set of moves, the gamesmaster will call for a standby, who will be expected to negotiate and send in orders as if he was in charge of the country. If the player misses his next set of moves the standby's orders are used and the standby takes over the play. The original player's game-length subscription will be transferred to the standby.
7. If a situation arises which the gamesmaster cannot adjudicate, all involved movements will fail.
8. A concession will occur to a single power if all surviving powers agree.
A draw will occur if there is no net change in the number of supply centers held by all countries for three game years, or if a draw is proposed and accepted unanimously. All draws will be between all surviving powers at the time of declaration.
9. Underlined moves fail. The first three letters of each space will be used in abbreviation for transcripts with the following exceptions: Gulf of Bothnia (Bot); Gulf of Lyons (Lyo); Norway (Nwy); Norwegian Sea (Nrg); North Sea (Nth); North Atlantic Ocean (Nat); North Africa (Naf)
10. The gamesmaster is not responsible for the vagaries of the U.S.P.S.

PRESS RELEASE-1973 EN

EASTON, Pa.: "Yes, Mike..."

"(John, you old fart..."

"... perhaps you have, hoorach, skhkh, wondered what the pattern, if any, behind all these bad checks is. ahhhhh, phmmpppph! Skrcank. First we financed Charles Reinsel's Dale Carnegie courses and John Boardman's political science seminars. Interesting results, but hardly definitive. Herb Barents' typing courses only confirmed my opinion of the bouncing check policy, Mike..."

"(John)"

"This check is made out to Ray Heuer. We are now going for the big time. Once we hold the Boardman Numbers, we can control the world!"

"But sir--"

"Enough! You have your orders. Spwoocork. Ah, that's better. Now go. Hooorac
I left the room, puzzled. I discarded the surgical mask and hung the dripping sou'wester on its accustomed peg. As I removed my galoshes I began to wonder if Lipton knew what he was doing, if he were perhaps senile. And then I knew what had bothered me. He had forgotten the latest check was supposed to bounce!

ABOUT THAT ARTICLE I WAS GOING TO WRITE...

about the circumstances surrounding Ray Heuer's rise and fall as assistant Boardman #1 Custodian: the first draft ran fifteen pages, double-spaced, had to be expanded, and was written in the most turgid prose I've ever written. I didn't think I could write that badly.

So, let me just clear up a few facts. In a letter to von Metzke, published in POUCH, I stated John Beshara and Ray Heuer had met 'on a number of occasions'. They had met once, at a party thrown by John Boardman in June or July, and afterwards Beshara still could not remember Ray.

Finally, it has been related, on two separate occasions, by Ray Heuer and Nick Ulanov, speaking from information gotten from von Metzke, on which he based his decision to cut Ray out of the Numbers (you see what I meant by 'turgid', eh?), to the effect that Walt Buchanan had told von Metzke John Beshara had said he would have control of Ray. You're getting it fourthhand.

The statement, however, is patently ridiculous. If Beshara controlled Ray and wanted him to take over the Numbers, it would be an act of insanity to have said that. True, he might be drunk, but would you believe a drunk man? The only possibility is one of the people in the various chains lying. There seems to be no purpose in Nick or Ray lying, and these two report Conrad seemed genuinely upset. That leaves Walt Buchanan.

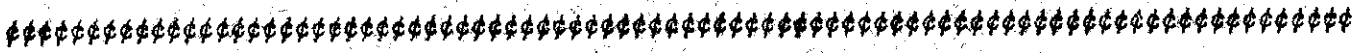
While it is still beyond me why anyone would want to run the Boardman Numbers, Ray Heuer did want them, and Conrad accepted him and told him he had the job. Then Conrad reneged. Ray is a friend of mine, and of Gil Neiger's and of Scott Rosenberg's. That is why we are protesting the number done on Ray: Because we are his friends.

I'd also like to note the fact John Beshara is again being made The Adversary by various people in IDA's ruling aristocracy. Totally undeservedly, but some dogs will always salivate when the bell is rung.

Lastly, let me note the New York City Rumor Mill has been pretty accurate. It predicted Conrad's absquatulation in Dec. 1973, and Ray's non-take-over of The Boardman #1 is late June. Therefore, let me note the latest one: The story is that if Len Lakofka does not win the election for whatever IDA post he is running for, he will shortly become the 7th Boardman Number Custodian. If this is true, I will cease using Boardman Numbers. Perhaps this rumor is false. I believe it is. But if it is true, this little paragraph may serve to stop the transfer, or, if not, I will be able to quote chapter and verse and say "I told you so".



THE POCKET ARMINIAN: Scott Rosenberg, 182-31 Radnor Road, Jamaica, N.Y. 11432. Mimeo. 10/\$2. Scott has been bugging me for a review for a couple of months, so here it is. TPA reminds me of THE POUCH under Nick Ulanov: multiple editors, white paper, and Scott is beginning to act more and more like Nick every time I see him. Scott & Co. seem to lack some of the je-ne-sais-quoi of Ulanov, Smith et al. If you're looking for a game of Youngstown, however, they have it for a mere \$5, including sub. Literary value is somewhat mediocre, the high point being a poetry war, and one of the combatants is Evan Jones, who, regrettably, has written only one piece of verse I really like ("Sixpack a Year"). Scott is not too choosy in articles he publishes, but the letter columns are excellent. Presswriters beware: your efforts will probably be used as spacefiller. If this review sounds uncomplimentary, don't think so; this just looks mediocre in comparison to other New York City zines, which seem to me to be above the national average.



Attached to this issue should be a copy of Mike Friedman's GINNUNGACAP # 1. (I hope that's spelled correctly) He has, as you can see, decided not to run his game by carbon copy. Of course I recommend it. Would I have cut TMG and mailed his zine if I didn't?

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ENTER NICKY, BOAR-PAH & STEPHEN-SING

NIC. I am honored to be permitted to welcome your Publishership. I guess at the object of your Publishership's visit-- your wishes have already been carried out. The Blacklisting has taken place.

PUB. Oh, so you've had a Blacklisting?

NIC. Yes. The Hobby Archivist has just handed me the notification.

BOAR. I am the Hobby Archivist. HE HANDS A PAPER TO NICKY

PUB., READING In New York, in the presence of the IDA President, IDA Council Chairman, IDA Appointments Committee, Boardman Numbers Custodian, Calhauer Awards Committee Chairman and Subsidized Foodler--

BOAR. They were all there, Your Publishership. I counted them myself.

PUB. More than a full board. I wish I had been there to see it.

NIC. A tough fellow he was, your Publishership. His teeth were firmly rooted and his hectograph had to be handled with a sledgehammer. His struggles were terrific.

PUB. Describe it.

TRIO & CHORUS: NICKY, BOAR-PAH & STEPHEN-SING: TO THE TUNE OF "THE CRIMINAL CRIED"

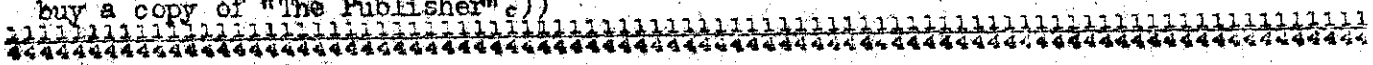
NICKY

The Blacklistee cried as he felt my fist
 In a state of wild alarm.
 With a fearful, frightful, frantic twist
 I broke his big right arm.
 I seized him by his hippy-length hair
 And heard a nasty 'crack'.
 As he squirmed and struggled
 And gurgled and guggled
 I drew forth my blackjack!
 Oh, never shall I
 Forget that cry
 Nor the fire from his stack
 Of paper and cries
 Of mortalities
 When I drew forth my blackjack!

CHORUS

We know him well.
 He never tells
 Lies nor procrastinates.
 He cannot be
 Better than we
 When he negotiates.

((And that is the end of THE PUBLISHER in these pages. If you want to see the end of this song, or see what I've done to "Flowers that Bloom in the Spring" or "Tit-Willow" or "Derry-down-Derry" or see how the plot finally unwinds, why, you'll have to buy a copy of "The Publisher".))



COSTAGUANA. Conrad von Metake, P.O.B. #4, San Diego, Ca. 92112. Ditto. 5/\$1. Regularity has been screwed up for a year and is not likely to improve. Nevertheless, Conrad has the best sense of humor in the hobby; he is also one of two people I know whom can be called 'erudite' without blushing. If you don't get this, you should. Issues are averaging 16-18 pages of elite type, and if you like Rod Walker's press, you'll find more of it here.



1974 GE

WINTER 1902

THAMES DOCKWARDS BUSY

AUSTRIA(Schandl):Remove F Alb. Has A Dud, A Ser & A Vie
 ENGLAND(Friedman): Annihilate F Nth; B F Lon. Has F Lon, F Nrg, A Yor
 FRANCE(Bergeren):Has F Eng, F Iri, F Mid; A Spa, A Pio
 GERMANY(Whitaker):B A Ber. Has A Ber, A Mun, A Hol, A Bel, F Nth, F Den
 ITALY(Mirassou):B A Nap. Has A Nap, F Eas, F Ion, A Tri, A Ven
 RUSSIA(Hertz):B A Mos, F Sev. Has A Mos, F Sev, A Gal, A Rum, A War, F Ank, A Nwy, F Swe
 TURKEY(R. Smith): Has A Bul, A Gre, F Aeg, A Con

Spring 1903 moves are due at noon, Friday, 10 Jan. 1975. Check my change of address please.

1973 HX

TRENCH WAR

FALL 1906

AUSTRIA(Green): F Ion-Tyr; F Tus & F Tun S F Ion-Tyr; F Adr-Ion; A Pie-Mar; A Mun H; A Boh & A Tyr S A Mun; A Vie-Bud; A Tri-Ven; A Rom H; A Con H
 ENGLAND(Reif):F Edi-Nrg; F Nth S F Edi-Nrg; F Den-Swe; F Ska S F Den-Swe; F Mid-Naf; A Kle S FRENCH A Bur-Mun
 FRANCE(Hollshwandner):F Nrg-Nat; A Ruh S ENGLISH A Kle; A Bur-Mun; F Lyo H; F Wes S ENGLISH F Mid-Naf; A Mar H
 RUSSIA(Lagerson):A Swe-Den; F Nwy-Ska; F St.P(nc)-Nwy; F Bar S F St.P(nc)-Nwy; A Mos-St.P; A Ber-Kie; A Sil S AUSTRIAN A Mun; F Ank roasts English prisoners over a slow Turkish fire; F ELA tries to find the wishbone in same

Address changes: Dave Lagerson, from Dec. 21-5 Jan., will be c/o R.J.Bartholomew, 517, Bryoe, White Rock, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544. I assume Ed Hollshwandner won't be staying at college, but I can't be sure and I haven't been informed otherwise. Please note my address change.

Everyone holds the same centers as last year. Austria may build one unit. That being the case, I also want Spring 1907 moves from everyone on 10 Jan. 1974. Deadline for Winter 1906 and Spring 1907 moves is 10 Jan. 1974. I also have a proposal for a fourway draw. Please vote with your spring moves.

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GERMANS DEplete KNISHES IN NISH

SPRING 1908

AUSTRIA(Walker): A Ser-Gre(retreats- Alb, annihilated); A Tri-Ser; F Smy S ITALIAN
F Ion-Aeg(retreats- Syr,Eas, annihilated)
 ENGLAND(Coy): F Mid-Wes; F Naf S F Mid-Wes; F Iri-Mid; F Eng S F Iri-Mid; F Nth C A Lon-Nwy; F Ska-Swe; A Lon-Nwy; A Pru S A War; A Ukr S A War; A War S A Pru; F Por-Spa(sc)
 GERMANY(Ritter):A Gas-Mar; A Bur S A Gas-Mar; A Pie S A Gas-Mar(retreats-Tus,ann.); A Vie-Tri; A Bud-Ser; A Gal H; A Ber H; A Boh-Tyr
 ITALY(Lagerson):F Ion-Aeg; F Gre S F Ion-Aeg; F Nap-Tyr;A Mar-Pie; A Ven S A Mar-Pie; F Spa(sc)-Mar;F Lyo S F Spa(sc)-Mar
 TURKEY(Keller):F Sev H; F Rum H; A Bul S GERMAN A Bud-Ser; F Con S F Aeg-Smt; F Aeg-Smy.

See 1973 HX above for a temporary COA for Dave Lagerson. Fall 1908 moves are due at noon, Friday, 10 Jan. 1974. Check my change of address.

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Winter 1906 moves are due at my home (see my CGA) at noon, Friday, 10 Jan. 1974.

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CONFUSION TAKES LEAD

FALL 1903

AUSTRIA(Thomas): F Gre-Aeg, A Bul S A Rum; A Rum S A Bul; A Tyr-Mun; A Vie-Boh; A Bud-Ser. Owns Bud, Bul, Gre, Mun, Rum, Ser, Tri, Vie(8). May build two units

ENGLAND(Doyle): NMR. F Bel, A Yor, F Nth, F Den, F Swe all H. Owns Bel, Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Swe(7). May build two units.

FRANCE(D. Smith): A Pic-Bel; A Ruh S ENGLISH A Yor-Hol; A Spa-Naf; A Mar-Spa; F Wes C A Spa-Naf. Owns Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa(5) Even

GERMANY(Rakowski): retreats F Den-Hel, retreats A Ber-Kie, F Hel, A Boh, A Hol all H A Kie H(annihilated); A Mun H (retreats-Tyr, annihilated). Owns Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun must remove 3 units.

ITALY(D. Klein): A Tun H; A Ven-Pie; F Ion-Tyr; F Tus-Lyo. Owns Nap, Rom, Nap, Tun. Even

RUSSIA(Boymel): F Bal-Kie; A Ber S F Bal-Kie; A Sil S AUSTRIAN A Tyr-Mun; A Ujr-Sev; F Bla-Ank; F Con S A Arm-Smy; A Arm-Smy. Owns Ank, Ber, Con, Kie, Mos, St. P, Sev, Smy, War(9). May build two units.

TURKEY(Gilinsky): NMR. F Con annihilated. A Smy H. Owns ~~Bel, Ser~~. Out.

Duncan Smith is heading for 9 E. 10th Street, New York, N.Y. 10003 about the 15th. Will John Morgan, 2408 B Lou Lane, Wichita Falls, Texas 76308 please send in standby builds for England? Please note my change of address.

Winter 1903 builds/removals are due here noon, Friday, 10 Jan. 1974.

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1973 EN

WHERE IS THE TSAR?

Winter 1907

AUSTRIA(Carroll): A Tri

ENGLAND(R. Smith): Has F Bal, F Den, A St. P, A Nwy, F Bar, A Fin, A Lon, F Nth, A Kie

FRANCE(Reif): B A Mar. Laos has F Tyr, A Ven, F Mid, A Mun, F Tun, F Ion, F Nap, A Rom, A Tyr, A Boh, A Gal.

RUSSIA(Horton): NMR. Has F Bot, A Mos, A War, A Vie, A Bud

TURKEY(Jacobs): Has A Ser, A Bri, F Ion is annihilated, F Aeg, A Gre, A Bul. NMR

Will Ed Hollshwandner, Box 847, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa. 18042 please standby for Russia, and will Matt Diller, 85-07 Avon, Jamaica, N.Y. 11432 please standby for Turkey? Please remember there is a vote on a concession to France due with the Spring moves.

Moves are due by noon, Friday, 10 Jan. 1974.

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WE GOTTA GET OUT OF THIS PLACE, IF IT'S THE LAST THING WE EVER DO...

And that's just what I'm doing, on the 19th of December, 1974. Winter vacation begins then, and I'll be heading home. My address will be 556 Green Place, Woodmere, N.Y. 11598, my telephone number will be (516) 374-4723. Mail from Lafayette will be forwarded, but it will take a couple of days in transit. I'll be coming back to Lafayette on 19 January 1975, but I don't want to think of that just now.

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I notice Mike Friedman left his address of GINNUNGACAP #1. It is 76 Halyard Road, North Woodmere, N.Y. 11581. As I said earlier, I personally guarantee Mike's game.

MAY I KISS YOUR BABY?

When the IDA nominations came out, I saw I had been nominated for both Editor and At-Large Secretary. I was going to run for Editor, against Gil Neiger, but I discovered Gordon Anderson was running. Gordon is/was editor of El Conquistador, one of the new offset zines (nothing new, really; MG #16-8 were printed offset) and had run DipCon this year. Since then, however, he has dropped out of sight, leaving a great many people sitting after having paid \$8 gamefees. Since it seemed to me that, with a probable split in votes between Gil and myself, Gordon might be able to sneak in, and I didn't want this, I declined this nomination. I urge all IDA members to vote for Gil Neiger. In his production of THE POUCH he has shown himself to be competent to run DR, as much as anyone can demonstrate that without doing it.

That out of the way, I decided to run for At-Large Secretary.

Yes, I am a member of IDA. And I am running because I feel it is possible to break up the selfish interests which have dominated the IDA Council and led to my disillusionment earlier this year.

As to my policy, I view the At-Large Secretaries as representing all IDA Members, in addition to the representation given by the Regional Secretaries. I am going in to the election with a tabala rasa as far as policy goes. If elected, I shall try my damndest to increase the services offered and supported by the IDA (if they are worthwhile).

Those of you who have known me for the 3½ years I've been in the hobby know I do not take on responsibilities and then not perform them. I have never missed a set of moves in playing a game; I have never missed a deadline in publishing this zine. I believe I can do a good job. If you think so too, I hope you will vote for me.

What a cute infant you have, madam...

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**AIR MAIL** SEND TO:



- Your sub expires this issue. Will you have the sense to let it?
- You are needed as a standby in game \_\_\_\_\_. See page \_\_\_\_.
- It was a joke, Ray.